

areas where there is shortage of doctors and health care needed most; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to remove the imbalance ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):

(a) and (b) Professional Council like Medical Council of India, Dental Council of India, Pharmacy Council of India and Indian Nursing Council ensure maintenance of minimum standard of medical and para-medical education in the country through periodical inspections of the educational institutions.

(c) and (d) There is shortage of doctors in rural areas. As per information available, 26930 doctors were working as on 30.6.1996 in Primary Health Centres in rural areas. The State/UT Governments have been advised to consider introducing regional decentralised recruitment policy for doctors for filling up vacancies of doctors in rural areas and reserving a certain percentage of post graduate seats for Medical Officers who have put in two to three years of service in rural areas.

Seabird Naval Base

5652. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR :

SHRI S. BANGARAPPA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of proposed Seabird Naval Base at Karwar in Karnataka;

(b) by when it is scheduled to be completed as per the original plan;

(c) the extent of work completed so far and whether the work is behind schedule;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the total funds provided by the Government for the said project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (e) The first phase of the Project Seabird is scheduled to be completed by the year 2005. Most of the land required for Seabird Naval Base at Karwar has been acquired and the acquisition process is in progress for the balance land. Tenders for the civil work have been invited. The work of the project is progressing as per schedule. The total amount of Rs. 1294.41 crores has been sanctioned for the project.

Rural Sports in Andhra Pradesh

5653. SHRIMATI SARADA TADIPARTHI : Will the

Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have released any funds during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 so far for encouraging sports in rural areas and also for construction of stadia in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the funds released year-wise and the number of stadia, location-wise for which it was released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Funds released under the Department's scheme of Grants to Rural Schools, during 1994-95, 1996-96 and 1996-97 for procurement of non-consumable sports equipment and development of playfields in Schools located in rural areas in Andhra Pradesh are as under:-

1994-95	Rs. 9,91,533/- (10 schools)
1995-96	Rs. 3,51,499/- (4 schools)
1996-97	Rs. 3,81,173/- (4 schools)

Further, funds released under the Department's scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure, for construction of stadia, location-wise in Andhra Pradesh are as under :-

1994-95	NIL
1995-96	
1. Sports Complex at Gudivada, Distt. Krishna.	: Rs. 10,00,000/- (2nd & final instt.)
2. Indoor Stadium at Hindupur, Distt. Ananthapur	: Rs. 2,50,000/- (2nd & final instt.)

1996-97 : NIL

Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital

5654. SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of a sum spent on the renovation and modernisation of Nursing Home and other buildings in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi during the last three years;

(b) the authority under whose directive such renovation and modernisation work was undertaken;

(c) whether the hospital authorities have misappropriated huge quantum of funds in the name of modernisation of the hospital; and